IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takashi KANO et al.

Serial No.: 10/720,836

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AIDED DESIGN APPARATUS, AIDED

DESIGN METHOD, AND

Title: RECORDING MEDIUM FOR

RECORDING PROGRAM FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2121

Examiner: STEVENS, THOMAS H

Attorney Docket No.: SERA:001

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AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 16, 2007, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely. No fee is due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any unaccounted fee(s), such as for extension of time, excess claim fees, etc., required to maintain pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.